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# **Maggie Brooks**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **BROOKS OPENS COBBLESTONE HOUSE**

#### ***Historic Home in Mendon Ponds Park Available For Special Events***

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** officiated at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the Cobblestone House in Mendon Ponds Park, located in the Town of Mendon. Joining Brooks for the event was County Legislator **Jeff Adair**. The Cobblestone House, overlooking Hundred Acres Pond on Douglas Road, is a post-colonial home available to the public for special events.

*"This is an exciting and historic occasion for Mendon Ponds Park,"* said Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks. *"The Cobblestone House is an ideal venue for family events, business workshops and community functions."*

Jeremiah Stewart, at the age of 29 move to Mendon from Dutchess County some time in 1833. As one of Mendon's first settlers, Stewart applied and received a deed dated November 12, 1834 to build a home that he would complete in 1835. It is believed that, as a mason the Cobblestone House was Stewart's masterpiece. Although there is no confirmed date of Stewart's death, the house was sold many times until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

*"The opening of the Cobblestone House represents another valuable resource available to our community,"* said Brooks. *"Through the hard work and dedication our of Parks Department, we continue to enhance the visitor experience to our County Parks System."*

In 1928, Stewart Canfield sold the Cobblestone House to Monroe County as a welcome addition to Mendon Ponds Park. Most recently, the house has been used for Parks Department storage of equipment and material. The Monroe County Parks Department has recently completed many improvements to the home. A new roof, plumbing, restrooms and parking lot have been added to modernize and update the home.

*"Having the Cobblestone House available for public use is a great enhancement to Mendon Ponds Park,"* said County Legislator Jeff Adair. *"I hope everyone in our community takes the time to come out and enjoy this unique piece of history."*

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